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SUBJECT:GAO REVIEW: U.S. COMMITMENTS TO CENTO AND SEATO

FRANKFURT FOR GAO MR. CONAHAN.

1. GENERAL ACCOUNTING OFFICE CONDUCTING SUBJECT REVIEW IN  
DEPARTMENT AND AT DOD, AND PLANS OVERSEAS PHASE AT ANKARA  
AUGUST 25-26; BANGKOK AUGUST 28-29; CINCPAC SEPTEMBER 2-3.  
REVIEW EVALUATING EXTENT OF U.S. COMMITMENTS TO CENTO,  
SEATO BY (1) IDENTIFYING U.S. PARTICIPATION COSTS, INCLUDING  
STAFFING AND RELATED SUPPORT AS WELL AS MILITARY AND  
ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE; (2) REVIEWING U.S. OBLIGATIONS ESTAB-  
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LISHED UNDER TREATIES AND BILATERAL AGREEMENTS; (3) IDENTI-  
FYING ISSUES RELATED TO THE FUTURE U.S. ROLE IN CENTO AND  
SEATO.

2. GAO AUDITOR JAMES D- ABTS, SUPERVISING THE REVIEW IN WASHINGTON, WILL BE VISITING ADDRESSEE POSTS ON DATES INDICATED, TOGETHER WITH ONE AUDITOR FROM GAO EUROPEAN BRANCH RE ANKARA, AND FROM GAO FAR EAST BRANCH RE BANGKOK AND CINCPAC. GAO BRANCH DIRECTORS NOTIFYING POSTS OF REVIEW DETAILS, AND NAME AND SECURITY CLEARANCE OF GAO AUDITOR ACCOMPANYING MR. ABTS. DEPARTMENT CONFIRMS THAT ABTS HOLDS TOP SECRET SECURITY CLEARANCE AND HAS BEEN GRANTED CENTO AND SEATO CLEARANCES FOR DURATION REVIEW.

3. AT SPECIFIC REQUEST AMBASSADOR MACOMBER, GAO AGREED TO NO REPEAT NO MEETINGS OR DISCUSSIONS WITH TURKISH MILITARY OR CIVILIAN OFFICIALS DURING ANKARA VISIT. ALSO, AMBASSADOR WILL EVALUATE SITUATION NEARER GAO SCHEDULED ETA TO DETERMINE ADVISABILITY OF VISIT IN LIGHT EMBASSY WORKLOAD THAT TIME, AND WILL INFORM GAO FRANKFURT IN EVENT VISIT INAPPROPRIATE.

4. GAO AWARE THAT APPOINTMENTS OR CONTACTS WITH INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION PERSONNEL (CENTO, SEATO), ARE AT DISCRETION OF AMBASSADOR, TO BE ARRANGED FOR BY EMBASSY, AND WITH CONCURRENCE OF APPROPRIATE OFFICIALS; DEPARTMENT WISHES BE FORTHCOMING AND COOPERATE WITH GAO ON SUBJECT REVIEW WITHIN PROVISIONS 4 FAM 930-934. QUESTIONS OR PROBLEMS ARISING DURING COURSE OF REVIEW SHOULD BE REFERRED TO DEPARTMENT. INGERSOLL

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